

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1, 1892.

To the Board of Public Safety:

GENTLEMEN—We herewith submit the following report of treatment of horses in the fire department since March 1, 1891. We have had 21 horses sick with the influenza. Four horses died; one fell dead going to a fire; one died from ruptured bowels; two died of influenza. We have made the following visits:

To house No. 1	80 visits.	To house No. 8	43 visits.
" " " 2	83 "	" " " 9	74 "
" " " 3	34 "	" " " 10	68 "
" " " 4	25 "	" " " 12	82 "
" " " 5	50 "	To truck house No. 1 . .	13 "
" " " 6	41 "	" " " " 2 . .	9 "
" " " 7	31 "	To chemical house No. 2 .	41 "

Total number of visits made 694.

Three lame horses out of service at present.

General condition of horses at present, good.

Very respectfully,

PRITCHARD & STUARD,
Veterinary Surgeons.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 31, 1891.

To the Honorable EDWARD HAWKINS, *President,*
ROBT. F. CATTERSON,
WM. A. SULLIVAN,
Board of Public Safety:

GENTLEMEN—I desire to submit the following annual report for the year ending December 31, 1891:

The police force at present consists of 112 men and officers, classified as follows—

Superintendent	1	Matron	1
Captains	2	Health officer	1
Sergeants	6	Board of Children's Guardian	
Police surgeon	1	officer	1
Janitor	1	Chief of detectives	1
Bailiff	1	Detectives	6
Humane	1	Stock officers	2
Licenses	1	Tunnel officers	2
Station keepers	2	Patrolmen	79
Wagon drivers	2		
Telephone operator	1	Total	112

DIVIDED POLITICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

<i>Democrats.</i>		<i>Republicans.</i>	
Superintendent	1	Captain	1
Captain	1	Sergeants	3
Sergeants	3	Chief of detectives	1
Court bailiff	1	Detectives	3
Detectives	3	Station keeper	1
Station keeper	1	Wagon driver	1
Wagon driver	1	Police surgeon	1
Humane officer	1	Police matron	1
Telephone operator	1	Board of Children's Guardian	
License officer	1	officer	1
Stock officer	1	Stock officer	1
Tunnel officers	2	Patrolmen	40
Health officer	1		
Janitor	1	Republicans	54
Patrolmen	39		
Democrats	58		
Total	112		

DISCIPLINE.

The Police Department is in a creditable condition. The members are neat and comfortably clothed; gentlemanly, watchful and thoroughly disciplined; respectful to their superior officers, performing their various duties and regulations with alacrity and dispatch. I have no failures to report in the administration of the police affairs of the city, but at times I have been handicapped for the want of sufficient number of patrolmen under my command.

Since the reorganization of the force the Captains, Sergeants and Patrolmen are required to file a report after day or night duty; an inspection

of the men is held at each roll-call; neatness and cleanliness is required, and twice a month they meet at Tomlinson Hall and go through a formula of drill tactics by a competent instructor.

The patrolmen while on duty night or day are required to notify headquarters regularly by telephone of their locality, and meet the various Sergeants at intervals during night and day.

MORE OFFICERS NEEDED.

The Police Force as at present constituted is inadequate to meet the requirements of a growing city. Especially is this noticeable since the extension of the city limits in the north, west, south and southeast sections of the city, the districts contain too much territory for the patrolmen to safely guard and protect the citizens and their property.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that the districts be made smaller and an increase of patrolmen.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Detective Department was reorganized April 1, 1891, with Timothy Splann Chief and six assistants. The work of this department has been very effective in the prevention of crime, and the arrest and conviction of criminals. Some of the most desperate of the criminal class have been arrested and convicted in our courts by the members of this department. An office for the Detective Department has been fitted on the second floor, adjoining the Telephone Office, where the Chief and his six assistants meet twice daily. To this office has been added a rogue's gallery, also a photograph camera, operated by members of this department.

Too much commendation can not be given to the effective work of the Detective Department and its sagacious Chief, Timothy Splann. His earnest, zealous co-operation has been a valuable assistance to me.

POLICE MATRON.

On April 6, 1891, on petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Woman's Club, Mrs. Annie Buchanan was appointed Police Matron. The objection to this new departure by former police boards was that room could not be found at the Police Station to accommodate the Matron. This was overcome by the present Board by having a room fitted in the rear of the Police Station for Mrs. Buchanan. The room occupied by the Matron is very small, but comfortably fitted up. I respectfully recommend that your Honorable Board provide more room and

better accommodation for Mrs. Buchanan, in order that the Matron may carry out the good work she has so earnestly begun.

The Matron has been very useful in her sphere. In caring for lost children, looking after female prisoners, and like work, her kind words and influence has accomplished much which could not be done otherwise.

STATION HOUSE.

On taking charge of the Police Department as Superintendent Feb. 11, 1891, I found the police headquarters in a filthy and unhealthy condition. The floors and walls were begrimed with dirt and infested with vermin. The sanitary condition was bad; the heating furnace defective; the roof leaking. No effort had been made by those in charge to cleanliness. Immediately on taking charge I caused the headquarters to be thoroughly cleaned, the halls and rooms on the first floor to be painted, roll-call room refitted with chairs, new flooring put in turnkey's room and the hallways, the roof repaired, rubbish removed from the garret and cellar. The second floor has been converted into Superintendent's office, telephone exchange office, and office for the Chief of Detectives.

I respectfully call your attention to the utter unsuitability of the building used for a police station. The building has been in use as a police station about twenty-three years. Very little, if any, repairs have been made on it since first built, with the exception of the repairs the present Board caused to be made in the last six months. The same space is used by the department to transact its business as when the building was built. The population of the city has more than doubled since that time, and consequently the business of the department has increased with the increase of population. I therefore recommend to your Honorable Board that additional room be provided so that the business of the department will not be hampered for the want of room.

PATROL WAGON.

The patrol wagon service consists of two drivers and two patrolmen, who guard the prisoners while being conveyed to or from the Police Station and Work House; four horses, two in use during the day and two at night; two patrol wagons, one open and one a covered wagon.

The covered wagon has been in service about six months, and, while the objections were many by former Police Superintendents and Police Boards, I find in the little time it has been in service to give entire satisfaction. The object of a covered wagon is to avoid the humiliation to citizens arrested upon petty charges or slight misdemeanors; they are screened from the gaze and gibes of a too often ready class of humanity anxious to ridicule a fellow-being in misfortune or distress. The covered

wagon is used for day service, the open wagon at night. The two patrol wagons in service and four horses are in fair condition. I am obliged to refer again to want of space and proper stable and patrol wagon room. The stable can only accommodate two horses, making it necessary to stable two horses in a rickety shed in the rear of the building, rat-ridden, and its odors, in conjunction with sewer gases arising from improper drainage, penetrates the entire building. I respectfully recommend that proper stabling be secured outside of the building and the space be converted into a roll-call room.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND RECORDS.

The Telephone Exchange has been removed from the turnkey's office to an office on the second floor. In this office all complaints, records of crimes and misdemeanors are kept, and all stolen property recovered by the police recorded until restored to the rightful owner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A constant correspondence is exchanged with the Superintendents of Police of larger cities and the Town Marshals of the country. This correspondence is kept on file at the Superintendent's office for reference.

COMPARISON.

A few examples of the changed condition of affairs will, I think, prove eloquent of the differences of method prevailing now and that which existed in the past history of the city during other administrations. Except under the Metropolitan Police Law, policemen were the victims of the vicissitudes of politics; now, if an officer does his duty, he has nothing to fear from the politicians; then, an officer's place depended upon the caprices of an individual; now, he may not be discharged except for a violation of the rules, and after an open and fair trial, where every means of defending himself is afforded him; then, an officer went over his beat like a wheel, at intervals, resting at odd times in the patrol boxes; now, an officer must be always on his beat; he must know everything proper for an officer to know that happens in his district; he must preserve his beat from disorder and crime; and if he can do this without making arrests, the department is content, but he must do all this or leave the force.

INSANE.

A very important matter, and one that greatly needs attention, is the care of the insane. We are often called upon to arrest insane people, and in many instances have been compelled to keep them for a week at a

time. There is no other resource but to put these unfortunates among the criminals, the rough and dirty outcasts and drunkards. I therefore respectfully recommend that a padded cell be provided, in which to confine the insane until their case is disposed of by commission or otherwise.

PATROL BOX SYSTEM.

The department has in service thirteen patrol or telephone boxes, located as follows:

- No. 1—Central Police Station.
- No. 2—Ninth street and Columbia avenue.
- No. 3—Mississippi and First streets.
- No. 4—Delaware and McCarty streets.
- No. 5—Meridian and Washington streets.
- No. 6—Washington and West streets.
- No. 7—Washington and Davidson streets.
- No. 8—Massachusetts avenue and Peru street.
- No. 9—Blake and Elizabeth streets.
- No. 10—McCarty and Meridian streets.
- No. 11—McCarty and East streets.
- No. 12—Virginia avenue and Prospect street.
- No. 13—Indiana avenue and Michigan street.

The city is divided into twenty-one police districts, patrolled by sixty-three patrolmen. One in each district day and two at night.

The boundaries of the districts are as follows:

- DISTRICT No. 1. South—Christian and Clifford avenues.
West—College avenue.
East—Corporation Line.
North—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 2. South—First and St. Mary streets.
North—Corporation Line.
West—Pennsylvania street.
East—College avenue.
- DISTRICT No. 3. South—St. Clair street.
West—Mississippi street.
East—Pennsylvania street.
North—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 4. South—St. Clair and Indiana avenue.
East—Mississippi street.
North—Corporation Line.
West—Corporation Line.

- DISTRICT No. 5. South—New York street.
North—St. Clair and Indiana avenue.
East—West street.
West—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 6. South—New York street.
North—St. Clair street.
West—West street.
East—Pennsylvania street.
- DISTRICT No. 7. South—New York street.
North—First and St. Mary streets.
West—Pennsylvania street.
East—Noble and Plum streets.
- DISTRICT No. 8. South—New York street.
North—Christian and Clifford avenues.
West—Noble and Plum streets.
East—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 9. North—New York street.
South—Louisiana street and Big Four Railroad.
West—Noble street.
East—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 10. North—New York street.
South—Louisiana street and Big Four Railroad.
East—Noble street.
West—Alabama street.
- DISTRICT No. 11. South—Washington street.
North—New York street.
East—Alabama street.
West—Illinois street.
- DISTRICT No. 12. South—Washington street.
North—New York street.
East—Illinois street.
West—West street.
- DISTRICT No. 13. North—New York street.
South—Vandalia Railroad.
East—West street.
West—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 14. North—Washington street.
South—Louisiana street.
East—Illinois street.
West—West street.
- DISTRICT No. 15. North—Washington street.
South—Louisiana street.
West—Illinois street.
East—Alabama street.

- DISTRICT No. 16. East —Meridian street.
West —Corporation Line.
North—Louisiana street and Vandalia Railroad.
South—McCarty street.
- DISTRICT No. 17. East —East street.
West —Meridian street.
South—McCarty street.
North—Louisiana street and Big Four Railroad.
- DISTRICT No. 18. West —East street.
East —Corporation Line.
South—McCarty street, Virginia avenue and Prospect street.
North—Louisiana street and Big Four Railroad.
- DISTRICT No. 19. West —East street.
East —Corporation Line.
South—Corporation Line.
North—McCarty street, Virginia avenue and Prospect street.
- DISTRICT No. 20. North—McCarty street.
South—Corporation Line.
East —East street.
West —Meridian street.
- DISTRICT No. 21. North—McCarty street.
East —Meridian street.
South—Corporation Line.
West —Corporation Line.

The city is also divided in four Sergeant Divisions, comprising the following Police Districts:

- Sergeant No. 1—Embraces Districts Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.
Sergeant No. 2—Embraces Districts Nos. 9, 7, 8, 1, 2.
Sergeant No. 3—Embraces Districts Nos. 6, 3, 5, 4, 13.
Sergeant No. 4—Embraces Districts Nos. 20, 21, 19, 18, 17, 16.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

I found it necessary to station a patrolman on Pennsylvania street from Washington to Ohio streets, a patrolman on the corner of Illinois and Washington streets, and a patrolman on the corner of Pennsylvania and Washington streets; also, a patrolman to patrol Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets. This is the center of the largest retail establishments in the city, and these several blocks are constantly crowded, often making the crossing dangerous to pedestrians.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to your Honorable Board for kindly advice and earnest co-operation extended me in my efforts to maintain a standard of discipline in the department; to His Honor, Thomas L. Sullivan, Mayor, for his courteous treatment and assistance; to the Clerk of the Board, Mr. John L. F. Steeg, for his assistance and many acts of kindness during the past year; to Captains Quigley and Dawson, for the efficient and gentlemanly manner in which they performed their duty; also to Sergeants Laport, Hagerdorn, Barlow, Kurtz, Lowe and Mefford for their earnest efforts to enforce and maintain discipline and in enforcing compliance to the rules and regulations of the Department; to the rank and file of the force for their promptness and cheerfulness in obeying all orders, and for their continuous efforts to retain the esteem and respect of the people and to maintain the standard of the Department. The detailed statement of the result of the work which I have been describing in this review of the past year will bear out the statement that no means have been left untried to make the Department irrepachable and notable for peace and good order in our city.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. COLBERT,
Superintendent of Police.

The number of employes on the police force December 31, 1891, is 112, assigned to duty as follows:

Superintendent	1
Captains	2
Sergeants	6
Police surgeon.	1
Patrolmen.	79
Chief of Detectives.	1
Court Bailiff.	1
Humane Inspector	1
Board of Children's Guardians' officer	1
Health Officer	1
License Inspector and Drill-master.	2
Wagon men	2
Station House keepers	1
Janitor	2
Stock men.	6
Detectives.	1
Telephone operator.	2
Tunnel police	1
Police Matron	1
Total	112